

Mourning Warbler created identification problems at Spanish River May 1 (LM, BHH, JH, HPL). A very early Hooded Warbler was spotted at McArthur S.P., *Palm Beach*, Mar. 3 (CW), and >100 were reported in *Pinellas* Apr. 6–9 (MSW, MG).

Tanagers to Finches

An early migrating Summer Tanager stopped in w. Delray Beach Mar. 4 (BHH), though many reported that migrating tanagers were few. A good number of 500 Bobolinks stopped at *Orange* Apr. 25 (DT). Very rare on D.T. and even in s. Florida, a Dark-eyed Junco visited Garden Key Apr. 16–17 (ph. KTK, DAR, m.ob.). Rarely seen on D.T., an imm.-plumaged Red-winged Blackbird was studied carefully Apr. 12 (HPL *et al.*) and 18–20 (GM *et al.*). The peak count of Shiny Cowbirds was 11 males and 14 females at Key West in early May (JAO), but they were still moving through D.T. May 16–20 (WBR, BR, BK) with a high of 11 males and one female. The wintering Bronzed Cowbirds were still in Florida City Apr. 29 (SM). Spot-breasted Orioles are rapidly reclaiming and expanding their range this year in s. Florida (GSH *et al.*). At Gainesville May 9 (MAM), a House Finch nest with 3 eggs brought the range of this species somewhat southward.

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The spring season might best be described as a roller coaster ride in terms of both birds and weather; the former a result of the latter. Temperatures in March were well above average, while April was unseasonably cool and wet, with May following suit until the second week of the month, when warm air pushed into the province for the remainder of the period.

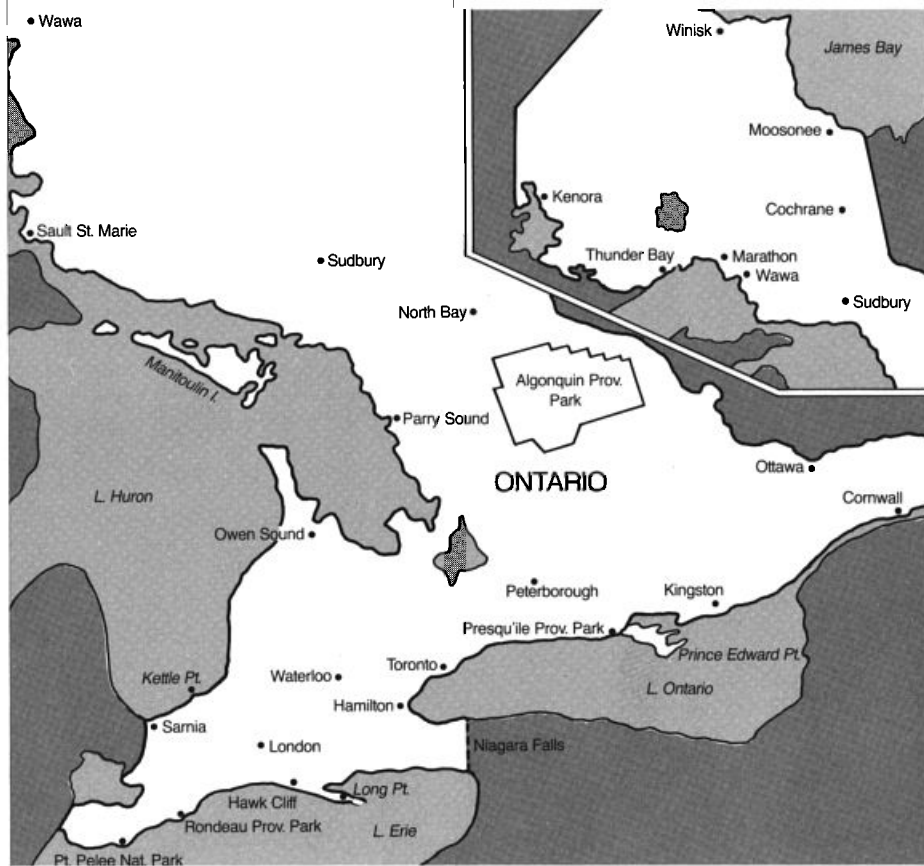
As might be expected, several early dates were set for returning migrants (particularly waterfowl) in March, but the flow slowed to a trickle during much of April. April 27 brought a rush of migrants into the southern portion of the province, though observers still lamented the poor migration until the flood gates opened on a wide front May 10 (*see Table 2*) and all was well in the world again. Indeed, some who had wailed and gnashed their teeth in April openly rejoiced in May, exclaiming that it was the finest migration in decades! Such is the way with migrant watchers.

Outstanding rarities during the period included Garganey, Ferruginous Hawk, Prairie Falcon, American Oystercatcher, Lewis' Woodpecker, Swainson's Warbler, Painted and Varied buntings, and Great-tailed Grackle. All rarities mentioned in this report are subject to the approval of the Ontario Bird Records Committee (O.B.R.C.).

Abbreviations: Pelee (*Pt. Pelee N.P. and vicinity*); P.E.Pt. (*Prince Edward Pt.*); L.P.B.O. (*Long Point Bird Observatory*); T.C.B.O. (*Thunder Cape Bird Observatory*); Algonquin, Presqu'ile and Rondeau are Provincial Parks. Place names in *italics* refer to counties or regional municipalities.

Loons to Herons

Red-throated Loons shifted their mid-April staging area slightly, though the pattern continued to indicate a L. Ontario to L. Huron flight path. Numbers moving through Hamilton totaled 77 birds Mar. 5–May 3 (m.ob.). The large flocks on L. Huron shifted S this year from *Bruce*, where six was the highest total at Pt. Clark Apr. 16 (B&DF), to Pinery P.P., *Lambton*, where peak totals included 200 birds Apr. 19 (JS) and 116 Apr. 27 (AR). One at L. Dore, *Renfrew*, Apr. 26 (MF) was exceptional at that inland location. For the 3rd consecutive spring, T.C.B.O., *Thunder Bay*, recorded a Pacific Loon, this year May 17 (JW, DO). A record 645 Com. Loons



were counted there May 16 (JW, DO). Fifty-four Commons at London Apr. 16 (DM) was a good number there. A Pied-billed Grebe at Little Current Mar. 19 (CB) was very early, while one at Presqu'île Mar. 9 (SB, CK) was record early there. Horned Grebes continued their recent decline, with 47 at Winona Mar. 11 (RD, BC) the highest reported number. Good counts of Red-neckeds included 42 at Ottawa Apr. 29 (BD) and 117 off Cape Roberts, *Manitoulin*, May 1 (JN). Lone Eared Grebes were seen at Kettle Pt., *Lambton*, Apr. 16 (AR), Blenheim Apr. 20 (KB), Exeter May 3 (JS), Thunder Bay May 19–27 (JL, v.o.), and Aylmer May 21 (DM, v.o.). A Western seen off Whitby Apr. 16 (MB, RP, AA) provided the province's first spring sighting since 1989.

The only Am. White Pelicans were two birds in the Long Pt. area, *Norfolk*, May 21+ (DC, BCI, MFO). A Great Cormorant seen off Amherst Is., *Lennox Addington*, May 21 (K.F.N.) furnished the Kingston area's 6th record and had probably wintered in the area. A Double-crested Cormorant at Algonquin Apr. 20 (JSc) was record early there, as was an Am. Bittern at Presqu'île Apr. 1 (FH). Snowy Egrets equaled spring 1994's excellent showing with nine birds seen. The earliest was, surprisingly, the most northerly at Gros Cap, *Algoma*, May 13 (TW *et al.*), with other singles at Guelph May 14 (M&RM), Port Lambton (BM) and Bronte (GE), both May 18, Burlington (JC *et al.*) May 19, Amherst I., May 20 (K.F.N.), and Hamilton May 24 (RC, v.o.). Two birds were together at Turkey Pt., *Norfolk*, May 14 (AM&RR, RB). Lone Little Blue Herons were seen at Presqu'île May 3 (DSH *et al.*) and Rondeau May 13 (TB *et al.*). The only Tricolored was quite early at Oshawa Apr. 22 (MH). Of the ten Cattle Egrets reported, only the bird at Bolton May 18 (BDo) was away from the southwest. Even more out of range was a Yellow-crowned Night-Heron near Minett May 11 (AS, DBu *et al.*). Plegadis ibis included single Glossys at Nanticoke May 12 (MS) and Nonquon, *Durham*, May 15 (MY, v.o.) plus 2 flyovers at Long Pt., May 13 (AM&RR, v.o.) that could not be identified to species.

Waterfowl to Rails

The first major influx of Tundra Swans occurred Mar. 12 when 1500 arrived at Long Pt. (RR). Numbers built quickly in the southwest, with high counts including 4000 at Verschoyle Mar. 13 (DB), 4000 at Aylmer Mar. 14 (m.ob.), 8000 at Grand Bend Mar. 16 (AR), and 4305 at Long Pt., Mar. 17 (RK). Two at Merrickville Mar. 13 (SA) were well e. of range. A Trumpeter Swan at Wosley L., *Manitoulin*, May 12–16 (BW *et al.*) was of interest, though of uncertain origin. The

season's total of 120 Greater White-fronted Geese tripled the previous spring record of this normally rare species. Included in this "massive" influx was a flock of 36 on St. Joseph I., *Algoma* (TW, EC) and single birds well e. at Riceville Mar. 19 (MG) and Sandhurst Apr. 2 (RW). Surprisingly, four birds at Atikokan Mar. 15–18 (JB) supplied that region's first record. Riceville also produced exceptional counts of other waterfowl including 50,000 Canada Geese Mar. 19 (MG), and 3100 Snow Geese and 4200 N. Pintails Mar. 21 (BD). Finding one White-fronted in all those other birds was no small feat. Other notable numbers of waterfowl included 5000 Brant at Amherst I., *Lennox*, Addington May 21 (K.F.N.), 7500 Canvasbacks at Wolfe Is., *Frontenac*, Apr. 9 (K.F.N.), 2841 Redheads at Presqu'île Mar. 22 (SB, KC), 5000 Ring-necked Ducks at Wolfe I., Apr. 2 (K.F.N.), 65,000 Greater Scaup there Apr. 9 (K.F.N.), and 8400 Lesser Scaup at Pelee Apr. 16 (AW). Species of note included two Ross' Geese at Sault Ste. Marie Mar. 15–20 (EC, SR, v.o.), a different bird at nearby St. Joseph I., Apr. 15 (EC, TW), and one at Thunder Bay May 5 (AH); Ontario's 3rd **Garganey** at Thunder Bay May 6 (P&KJ *et al.*); a ♂ hybrid Cinnamon x Blue-winged Teal at Mississauga Apr. 22 that was joined by a ♀ Cinnamon Apr. 24 (RY, m.ob.), and a ♂ Cinnamon at Listowel May 2 (DD, RCo); 10 different Eur. Wigeon, the most notable of which were singles at L. Dore, *Renfrew*, May 1 (CM, KH) and Wawa May 6 (RN); a ♀ Tufted Duck off Winona Mar. 5–7 (DG, v.o.), two males on Hamilton bay Apr. 2–22 (JH, m.ob.) joined by a female Apr. 7–16 (DG, m.ob.); and single Barrow's Goldeneyes, including one of the wintering birds at Ottawa which remained until Mar. 14 (m.ob.), a female at Johnstown Mar. 12 (BD), and an imm. male at P.E.Pt., May 18 (RDW).

During March's warm spell two Turkey Vultures were record early in Algonquin Mar. 17 (LP). An Am. Swallow-tailed Kite delighted many observers near Walsingham May 24–27 (RB, DBr, m.ob.). Two different Mississippi Kites were seen at Pelee. An imm. bird was there May 14 (DSa, RMc *et al.*), while an adult was observed May 15 (BJ, JH, JO *et al.*). An adult in Burpee Twp., *Manitoulin*, May 19 (NS, DB) provided the province's most northerly record ever. Record-early Broad-winged Hawks were seen at Rideau Ferry Apr. 6 (JA) and Algonquin Apr. 12 (KC). A very rare ad. **Ferruginous Hawk** was studied at close range in Gordon Twp., *Manitoulin*, May 21 (RTa). Late Rough-leggeds were reported at Pelee May 3 (MK, KK) and Rondeau in early May (KB). Golden Eagles totaled ten sightings in the south, while one at Rainy R., Apr. 22

Table 1. Totals at Niagara Peninsula Hawkwatch, Spring 1995

Species	1995
Turkey Vulture	2151
Osprey	47
Bald Eagle	24
Northern Harrier	177
Sharp-shinned Hawk	136
Cooper's Hawk	256
Northern Goshawk	15
Red-shouldered Hawk	705
Broad-winged Hawk	1779
Red-tailed Hawk	2861
Rough-legged Hawk	87
Golden Eagle	4
American Kestrel	70
Merlin	14
Peregrine Falcon	1
Prairie Falcon	1
Unidentified	80
Total Raptors	10,808
Hours Counted	556

(DE, VM) was thought to represent that area's first record. Peregrine Falcon sightings totaled 31 in the south, a well-above average number. The raptor of the season was a **Prairie Falcon** studied for several minutes at the Niagara Pen. Hawk Watch near Grimsby Apr. 19 (GM *et al.*). If accepted by the O.B.R.C., it would furnish the first record for Ontario. The last of the four Gyrfalcons that wintered at Thunder Bay was seen Mar. 25 (m.ob.). A white bird was reported at Spring Bay Mar. 26 (TL).

Reports of Yellow Rails were well above normal in the south. Migrants involved singles at St. Catharines May 3 (KR), P.E.Pt., May 7 (RDW), and Toronto May 12 (DBe). Breeding colonies included four–five birds near Kirkfield in late May (v.o.) and six singing birds at Richmond May 25 (BD). The only King Rail of the season was at Hillman Marsh, *Essex*, May 31 (AW, RE). A Com. Moorhen at Sudbury May 14 (HB *et al.*) was n. of its usual range, while an Am. Coot at Thunder Bay Mar. 18 (DBo) was record early there.

Cranes to Woodpeckers

Sandhill Cranes continued their steady increase in the south with at least 60 widely scattered birds. Lingering pairs at Aylmer Mar. 18–Apr. 1 (m.ob.) and Snyder Mar. 22–Apr. 9 (CS, ASm, KR) may have been testing the breeding waters. Nine Am. Golden-Plovers at Hillman Marsh Mar. 18 (TH) were extremely early. The only Piping Plover reports involved singles at Hillman Marsh Apr. 23 (RH, JBl) and Pelee May 21 (B&SRo), plus a pair at L. of the Woods,

Rainy River, May 27 (DE *et al.*). An **American Oystercatcher** at Hamilton May 14 (MA) provided the province with its 4th record overall and the 2nd in as many years. The only Am. Avocets were six birds at Hillman Marsh Apr. 19 (MLC, v.o.), plus one at Ajax May 2 (BH). Willet numbers rebounded from 1994's poor spring. Of the season's 24 birds, high counts included six at Port Rowan May 4 (PC) and five at Rondeau May 19 (BB, LR). On the other hand, Whimbrel numbers were well below normal, with 600 at Turkey Pt., May 23 (RS, JS) the highest tally reported. Continuing a recent trend, reports of Hudsonian Godwit fell to just one bird at Hanmer May 17 (RMo). Marbled Godwits again matched the average of six birds. Sightings involved two at Hillman Marsh Apr. 24 (AW, v.o.), another just n. of Pelee May 2 (*fide* AW), a 3rd at Hillman Marsh May 14 (RHo, v.o.), one at Rondeau May 15 (RO), and one at Wiarton May 26 (EJ, JJ). High counts of some of the smaller *calidrids* included 680 Ruddy Turnstones at Pelee May 25 (AW *et al.*), 260 Sanderlings at Hillman Marsh May 21 (AW *et al.*), 106 Sanderlings at Amherst I., May 26 (ASc), 1000 Semipalmated Sandpipers, 100 Least, and 20 White-rumped at Presqu'île May 24 (DMc, DSh), and 10,000 Dunlin at Presqu'île May 22 (DSh). Unusual species included a W. Sandpiper at Schomberg May 23 (GB), a Baird's at Aylmer May 21 (DM), and three Purple Sandpipers at Presqu'île May 24 (DMc, DSh). Of the seven Ruffs seen, five were females. Males included an extremely early bird at Strathroy Apr. 1–25 (JM, AW) and another at Nonquon May 9–11 (BA, v.o.). Females were at Strathroy May 6 (JM), Tavistock May 12 (JMH), Nonquon May 13 (m.ob.), Exeter May 16 (JS), and Port Rowan May 18–22 (RR, RHe, m.ob.). The five Long-billed Dowitchers seen represented an excellent spring total. These included three at Blenheim Apr. 29 (m.ob.), another there May 5 (KB), and one at Corbett Cr., *Durham*, Apr. 30 (BH *et al.*).

Laughing Gull sightings totaled 5, including one each at Port Rowan Apr. 9–22 (JW, m.ob.), Hillman Marsh May 9–13 (KM, BK, v.o.), possibly the same bird at Pelee May 15–19 (Av, m.ob.), and Long Pt., May 24–31 (AB *et al.*). Lone Franklin's appeared at Shrewsbury May 16 (m.ob.), Long Pt., May 19 (MAn, GG), Hamilton May 24 (RC, v.o.), and Erieau May 31 (JBU). Little Gulls totaled 121 birds, with highest counts of 54 at Niagara Apr. 5 (KR, ASm, GBy) and 35 at Turkey Pt., Apr. 22 (FW). The lone Black-headed of the period frequented the Niagara R., Apr. 7–20 (GBy *et al.*). Lesser Black-backed Gulls numbered 24 of various ages and were widespread across the south. A

Great Black-backed at T.C.B.O., May 10 (SP) was very rare at that n.w. locale. A Forster's Tern at Adolphustown Apr. 22 (K.F.N.) was well e. of the species' normal range. Two Black Terns at Rondeau Apr. 20 (PB) were record early there. Despite a poor winter showing, several Snowy Owls lingered late in the south, with the latest near Port Bruce May 22–23 (RKi *et al.*). The first Burrowing Owl since 1991 was at Thunder Bay May 13 (KBi), providing that area's 2nd record and the province's 10th. *Manitoulin's* Chuck-will's-widow returned for the 4th consecutive season to Burpee Twp., May 20 (RTa *et al.*), while one near Walsingham May 24 (AH, m.ob.) remained through the end of May. Ontario's 3rd Lewis' Woodpecker visited a feeder near Charlton for two weeks in mid-May (LT). A count of 20 Red-headed Woodpeckers at Long Pt., May 10 (L.P.B.O.) was notable after several seasons of steady declines, though overall numbers are still not encouraging. Red-bellieds, on the other hand, continued to do well, with individuals as far north as Sudbury May 14 (RMo) and Manitoulin I., May 31 (DFe). A Pileated Woodpecker at the tip of Long Pt., May 5 (JMc, LB, PP) was the first at that isolated site since the 1930s.

Flycatchers to Warblers

Acadian Flycatcher sightings totaled an excellent 15 birds, including 10 individuals at Pelee between May 16 & 21 (m.ob.), singles at Long Pt., May 12 & 16 (L.P.B.O.), and one at Rondeau May 22 (*fide* KB). Individuals at Amherst I., *Lennox Addington*, May 20 (RDW) and P.E. Pt., May 21 (REd) were well e. of the usual s.w. haunts. An E. Phoebe

at Long Pt., Mar. 13 was a record-early spring migrant there. Long Pt. recorded the only W. Kingbirds, with individuals there May 10 (PP) and May 31 (GGi). Scissor-tailed Flycatchers sightings were widely scattered, with individuals noted in c. Ontario first. Lone birds were at Tobermory May 13 (CC), Echo Bay May 14–15 (DSm, WC), Pelee May 15 (J&SMr *et al.*), and Copetown May 26 (DW, JJe). Four Tree Swallows at Erie Beach Mar. 8 (JBU) were very early spring arrivals, predating all others in the province by at least a week, while a Bank Swallow at Dundas Apr. 4 (WS, JO) and a Barn at Pelee Mar. 19 (RPe) were equally early for their kind. Thunder Bay's wintering Black-billed Magpie was last reported Mar. 31 (m.ob.). Common Ravens well s. of range included two at Mono Centre Mar. 5 (REv) and one at Dorland Mar. 13 (JMH), that county's 4th record. Sightings of Tufted Titmice were confined to the southwest with the exception of a lone bird at Newmarket Apr. 12 (GL). Up to 12 breeding pairs were reported from the Pinery P.P. (JS).

Extralimital Blue-gray Gnatcatchers involved one at Mississagi Light, *Manitoulin*, May 16 (JN) and two at MacGregor P.P., *Bruce*, May 23 (DF, JJ). The two wintering Mt. Bluebirds at Wheatley remained until Mar. 9 (m.ob.), while Thunder Bay's Townsend's Solitaire stayed until Apr. 6 (m.ob.). A very early Gray-checked Thrush at Pelee Apr. 27 (RPe, JK) was part of a large and widespread influx of migrants that date (*see Table 2*). Varied Thrushes remaining from the winter period involved the Kanata bird until Mar. 12 (m.ob.) and the one at Queensville until Mar. 13 (m.ob.). New dis-

Table 2: Selected High Counts from Two Dates

Species	April 27	May 10	Location	(observer)
Least Flycatcher		70	Long Pt.	(L.P.B.O.)
Eastern Kingbird		60	Long Pt.	(L.P.B.O.)
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	600		Toronto	(RY)
American Pipit		60	Long Pt.	(L.P.B.O.)
Solitary Vireo	29		Pt. Pelee	(AW, KK)
Nashville Warbler		45	Toronto	(RY)
Yellow Warbler		100	Long Pt.	(L.P.B.O.)
Yellow-rumped Warbler	400		Pt. Pelee	(AW, KK)
" "		300	Toronto	(RY)
" "		180	Presqu'île	(SL)
Palm Warbler	55		Pt. Pelee	(AW, KK)
Scarlet Tanager		60	Pt. Pelee	(AW)
Rose-breasted Grosbeak		350	Long Pt.	(L.P.B.O.)
Chipping Sparrow		250	Long Pt.	(L.P.B.O.)
Lincoln's Sparrow		60	Long Pt.	(L.P.B.O.)
White-throated Sparrow	1200		Toronto	(RY)
White-crowned Sparrow		130	Toronto	(RY)
" "		600	Long Pt.	(L.P.B.O.)
Bobolink		220	Long Pt.	(L.P.B.O.)
Northern Oriole		1400	Pt. Pelee	(BK)

coveries included one at Cloud Bay Apr. 10 (GW) and a female at Pelee May 8–9 (KK, m.ob.), that area's first spring record. Northern Mockingbirds in the north included a very early bird at Echo Bay Mar. 17 (EA) plus one at Algonquin May 6 & 14 (CJ, GLe, WCa). A Brown Thrasher at Westport Mar. 23 (J&HBr) was considered an early spring migrant. Sightings of the steadily declining Loggerhead Shrike included a record-early bird at Barrie I., *Manitoulin*, Mar. 19 (DB, HB), a pair the same day at Smith's Falls (NM, Hv), one on the Holland R., *York*, Mar. 29 (DS), one at Keyser the same day (PCh), seven different birds in the Kingston area in April (K.F.N.), and one near Charing Cross May 13 (RHs).

White-eyed Vireos c. of range involved singles at P.E. Pt., May 14 (KH) & 21 (K.F.N.), and Presqu'île May 20–23 (D&LBt). A Solitary Vireo at Long Pt., Apr. 12 (JMi) preceded the main influx by at least 10 days.

Separate Lawrence's Warblers were reported at Long Pt., May 5 (BS), Rondeau May 12 (RG), and Pelee May 13 (JG). Noteworthy record early arrivals included a Tennessee Warbler at Rondeau Apr. 23 (KB, JBu, BM), a Nashville at P.E. Pt., Apr. 22 (RDW), a Pine at Perth Road Apr. 9 (*fide* RDW), and a Blackpoll at Pelee Apr. 27 (KK, AW). Sightings of note included "Audubon's" Yellow-rumped Warblers at Dundas Apr. 24 (RC, BP), Pickering Apr. 28 (GF), Ajax Apr. 30 (JNa, ML), and Toronto May 1 (RY); a Black-throated Gray Warbler at Arkell Apr. 25–29 (CJ, RRu, m.ob.); single Yellow-throateds at Long Pt., Apr. 19 (LB, JBo) and May 25 (SO, v.o.), and Pelee May 11, 13–15 (SM *et al.*) & 26 (FU); Kirtland's Warblers at Rondeau May 10 (PAW) and Pelee May 21 (DG *et al.*); and a Swainson's Warbler at Rondeau May 13 (JBU, BM *et al.*). Numbers of the regularly occurring "southern" warblers were generally above average. Totals included 23 Worm-eatings, 15 Louisiana Waterthrushes, 32 Kentucky Warblers, 92 Hooded Warblers, and 34 Yellow-breasted Chats. The exception to this trend was Prothonotary Warbler. While Pelee experienced an above-average 11 migrants, none stayed to breed and breeding populations at Rondeau and Long Pt. were below average. Steadily declining numbers of this species may make it a candidate for the province's endangered list. Southern species away from the southwest involved a Prothonotary Warbler at MacGregor P.P., *Bruce*, May 27 (JK, MP), individual territorial Louisiana Waterthrush and Kentucky Warbler males near Fenella May 25+ (DAS, v.o.), and a Kentucky Warbler at P.E. Pt., May 21 (RDW).

Summer Tanager sightings tallied a respectable 19 birds, 14 in the southwest. The



other five "extralimitals" were at Peterborough Apr. 20 (JAI, QB), Toronto May 10 (RY), Hymers May 13 (MMa, m.ob.), Presqu'île May 14 (A&GBu), and Oshawa May 19 (KRi). Staff at T.C.B.O. banded a ♀ W. Tanager May 15 (JW, DO). Two days later they captured and banded a full ad. male! A N. Cardinal at Cobalt May 5 (BMu) was exceptional that far north. A ♀ Black-headed Grosbeak was well observed at Dorland May 10 (tJMH), furnishing that county's first record. Sightings of Blue Grosbeaks occurred at Pelee May 14 (DFr *et al.*) and May 15–16 (JKe *et al.*) as well as Long Pt., May 20 (JR). An ad. ♂ Painted Bunting photographed at Keewatin May 12 (J&

This bird, captured for banding at Long Point, Ontario, May 7, 1995, was identified as a Varied Bunting, far from its normal haunts near the Mexican border. If accepted, this would be a first record for Canada. Photograph/Steve Anderson.

LWi) represented the most northerly sighting ever of this species. Banders at Long Pt. captured and banded a female or imm. male *Passerina* bunting believed to be a Varied Bunting May 7 (PP *et al.*). This will constitute the first record for Canada if accepted by the O.B.R.C. Single Dickcissels were seen at Rondeau in early May (*fide* KB), at Pelee—one each May 12 (JD) & 13 (AW), Amherst

I., May 24 (J&ASt), and Echo Bay May 31 (DSm). A ♀ Rufous-sided Towhee at Thunder Bay Mar. 1 (PR) was exceptional that far north.

A Clay-colored Sparrow taking advantage of the abandoned airfield in Algonquin May 4 (WCr) was a rare find in the midst of all that c. Ontario forest. A Field Sparrow at Hanmer May 16 (RCa) was n. of the usual range. Sightings of Lark Sparrows included one each at Long Pt., Apr. 21 (AO), Guilds Apr. 25 (PAW), and P.E. Pt., May 12 (LPa, SLa). Equally rare Lark Bunting sightings included a female at P.E. Pt., May 15-28 (EM *et al.*) and on Ile Parisienne, L. Superior, *Algonia*, May 24 (TW, DH). Spring records of Henslow's Sparrows continued the recent decline. Individuals were at Pelee May 6 (DSa) & 10 (S&AHa); Long Pt., May 10 (DG); Hillman Marsh May 12 (MBa, RHa *et al.*); and Whitby May 17 (RNi). The only Harris's Sparrow of the period was the wintering bird at Selby until Mar. 12. A Dark-eyed Junco at Matachewan Mar. 19 (LT) was record early there, while individuals at Pelee May 15 (WL, RD, BC) and Long Pt., May 20 (L.P.B.O.) were very late in the south. A flock of 350 Lapland Longspurs at Pelee Mar. 12 (TH) was an unusually high number there. The only W. Meadowlark of the period was at Newcastle Apr. 19+ (EA1). A Brewer's Blackbird at Brighton Mar. 26 (DSr) was unusual that far east, while an ad. ♂ **Great-tailed Grackle** seen one day only near Kingsville May 1-2 (MBe, TH) furnished Ontario's 3rd record. Orchard Orioles experienced a good spring, with several birds as far e. as Perth (AM). Individual House Finches made it to Atikokan Apr. 17 (DE, DGr) and Thunder Bay May 2 (IM). While still rare in those locations, the species has burst onto the scene at Rainy R., with 20 pairs there May 29 (DGr). Two Com. Redpolls at London Mar. 11 (PRe) were the only ones in the south in a pretty much winter-finchless spring.

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5-27 January

SRI LANKA

27 January-12 February

PHILIPPINES

Luzon, Mindanao, Cebu,
Palawan, Bohol
2 February-4 March

BHUTAN

26 April-19 May

MANCHURIA/ INNER MONGOLIA

20 May-14 June

MALAYSIA

Malaya, Borneo (Mt. Kinabalu)
30 June-21 July

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